

MCC Family Advisory Council

Jimmie Evans Performance Center

October 28, 2011

Present: Associate Superintendents Dave Bustanoby, WSRU and Jim McGinnis, TRU; CPM Bryan Hardina TRU; Health Care Manager Frank Busichio; Chaplains David Sherman and Henri Fischer; Visit Lt. K. Styles, Visit Sgts. C. Burris and M Vanney; Augustin Escobar, PSW, Matthew House Exec Director Linda Paz; TRU Members Angela Bowen, Candace Smiley, Sarah Wright; Irv Haug, WSRU Family Member: Michelle Foxx, MSU Family Members: Pamela and Jack Keeler, Marjorie Petersen, Lynda Jones, Recorder Mike Brown-VP Evergreen Vending

Absent: Supt. Scott Frakes; CCO Cheri Miller; WSRU Family Members Carol Welch, Felix D'Allensandro, Evangelos and Sherri Caldellis, Moira O'Crotty-Hennings; Sandy Garcia, TRU Family Members: Geni Ikerd, Stephanie Meadows.

Welcome

New TRU Family Member Sarah Wright. New TRU/MSU VR Sgt. Vanney. He has been MSU Shift Sergeant for 3 years and is very familiar with Family and VR events. MSU also has a new family member, Erin Hunt. She was unable to attend today but is excited to be joining the Council.

Review/Follow-up July Minutes

- OBF purchases of new appliances for the EFV Trailers and new exterior doors and children's toys
- Asked members how the new Family Council Member ID card process is going. Receive questions from other visitors and answer as able and refer to staff as appropriate. Glowing reports from TRU for recent family events. Members happy with the results. Sign-ups for events going well.
- Marjorie will schedule meetings with family members for planning of upcoming family events.
- Family Portraits – no personal clothing approved to be brought in.
- Considering extending visiting at TRU back to non-rotation schedule. Check with other family members and send an e-mail to Jim regarding the response. The idea is to level the field on visiting and your input is important. If a change does occur, it will be after the first of the year. Evergreen asks to be notified if and when any change takes place.
- Processing of visitors at MSU has been very slow and cuts down on the already brief visit times.
- Change in event schedule – events could be changed to other days than Sunday and this would open up more visiting time.
- Vending machines question – families can now go, overall number in line at machines is limited.

Evergreen Vending Company

Discussion:

- Mike Brown – Complaints at how MSU machines are stocked. A new ice cream machine is coming next week and this should be an improvement. Request more fresh foods such as fruits and vegetables.
- There are concerns regarding inconsistencies on stocking the machines. The afternoon stocking is only what is currently on site.
- Stocking will be looked into. Request additional meat choices and vegetarian options also.
- The machines are being cleaned and swapped out and will hopefully been completed by the end of

the year. Porters will do exterior cleaning of the machine per Lt. Styles. This will allow Evergreen staff to focus on interior machine cleaning.

- There is an issue regarding the ID cards for new Evergreen staff. Also problem sometimes with getting in at 0600 and need to wait for staff to issue ID cards. Jim agreed to look into.
- Mike asked for input from family regarding the machines in the various units. He will look into the various concerns. If the machines in the WSR Annex are not being used as much, possibly a refrigerator could be placed there for stocking of items. Sgt. Burris feels a fridge may be able to be installed without removing the machines in the Annex.

Resolution:

- Mike Brown's email: mbrown@evergreenvending.com; 206-718-9500

J-Pay

Discussion: Evening sign-ups for J-Pay at WSR.

Resolution:

J-Pay currently has access until 8:30 p.m. Dave Bustanoby will check into what the issue is.

Mailroom Issues

Discussion: DOC 450.100 allows for used books with superintendent approval. Books have to come from contractors, but Jim will look into this.

J-Pay has impacted the Mailroom workload. First Class Mail is first priority. It is important the letter salutation is the same as to whom the envelope is addressed to and also matching the return address. No nicknames, but the full name. Appeal what does not make sense.

Resolution: Jim promised to get something out on the issues that are currently being discussed for clarification.

Phone System

Discussion: Cutoff phone calls have been addressed with the company. Any issues on cutoff phone calls can be addressed to Jim McGinnis and he will work on it.

Resolution:

Three way phone calls will cut off. This is more likely if you are using a cell phone or cordless phone. Jim agreed to follow-up by e-mail on all these above issues.

Jim's email: jjmcginnis@doc1.wa.gov; 360-794-2441

Family Events

Discussion: Logistic plans can be reviewed so open visiting does not have to be cancelled if an event is not well attended. Cutoff for the December Family event on 12/11 is next week. The children's event is in the afternoon, adults will have a separate event in the evening of the same day..

32 families are signed up for 11/6 WSRU portraits. Other Units dates are later in November. Important to ensure those that sign up attend, as have hired a professional photographer to take the portraits.

Resolution:

With ample time for reviewing logistics plans, visiting could be opened up while a family event is going

on. This needs to be published prior to the event to ensure fair access for all.

Suggest Family Feud and Wheel of Fortune for family night.

Trying to finalize the 2012 Family Events Calendar. To be published by the 1st of December. Looking at how to meet policy mandates within available resources. Can also expect to have less money budgeted.

MSU VR Children's Area

Discussion: Play area not defined. The toy box is way too big for small children to get any toys. The play areas are being looked at by staff for improvements.

Resolution:

Management aware of the problem, compounded as the area is in the MSU Dining Hall. We are looking for ideas and suggestions. We welcome your thoughts. Lt. Styles provided her e-mail address so family can contact her. We encourage all ideas, and will provide feedback on all.

Open discussion

- MSU does not have a Washington State Library Branch, but books available through inter-library loans – via Recreation. Each living unit has a library section that is open to receiving donations through the regular donation process.
- Toys – Matthew House has lots of toys available. Marjorie and Lt. Styles will get with Linda Paz.
- Playpens and Wii's have been ordered for the Trailers.
- Activity boxes available in all VR's for children. MSU's are available when families check in.
- Non-Rated DVD's for EFV visits. Is a state-wide policy decision that prohibits them.
- Frank Busichio: We now have three medical doctors at MCC and 5 ARNP's. Pharmacy has a new program coming to track of medications, WSRU new digital dental equipment coming. Still recruiting for RN's. Low back pain treatment – staff attending a seminar and hope to bring back to population through established health clinics for inmates.
- Flu shots were administered to offenders who are at risk.
- Flu Season – if visitors come in and don't look well, they may be asked to leave as the flu or any sickness can spread quickly in a close living environment.
- The economic situation is tight. The Governor has published her preliminary budget with her recommendations. Legislature will be convening the end of November for a special session. All are encouraged to have their voice heard through their Representatives.

Next Meeting will be January 27, 2012, 1-3pm